

ABSOLUTE RATING: Unsatisfactory
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 22. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Unsatisfactory	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	38.3	46.0	56.2	54.4	50.1	57.6
• Passed 2 subtests	24.2	26.8	21.7	21.6	22.5	20.4
• Passed 1 subtest	17.6	17.4	12.3	14.5	16.1	13.0
• Passed no subtests	19.8	9.9	9.9	9.5	11.2	9.0

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	4.3%	9.9%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	4.3%	10.5%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	29.7%	42.3%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	86.8%	4.3%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	60.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	89.4%	5.0%	
Gender			
Male	89.7%	4.5%	
Female	82.8%	4.2%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	81.5%	0.0%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	92.9%	10.7%	
Other	100.0%	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	82.7%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	90.1%	11.1%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	73.3%
Completers placed	97.0%
Eligible students enrolled	63.3%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,132	N/A	\$5,781	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	89.4%	Up from 88.1%	89.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	25.9 to 1	N/A	24.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,238)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	0.0%	N/A	8.6%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.1%	Up from 93.2%	95.2%	95.3%
• Retention rate	22.9%	Up from 10.9%	11.7%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=99)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.1 Days	Up from 6.8	8.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.5%	Up from 95.8%	95.6%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	39.4%	Down from 40.8%	41.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	73.7%	Down from 84.7%	73.8%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.0%	Up from 0.0%	4.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	84.7%	Down from 89.1%	82.7%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,913	Up 4.5%	\$36,587	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	4.4%	Down from 6.8%	2.5%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	61.6%	N/A	53.9%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	3.0	N/A	2.5	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	89.9%	N/A	64.9%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	18.7%	Up from 16.7%	12.4%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	85	N/A	35	29
• Gifted and talented	3.8%	Down from 5.3%	4.9%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	23.3%	Up from 19.2%	12.2%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	4.7%	N/A	6.7%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	783	N/A	232	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	48.6%	N/A	22.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a good year at Darlington High School. Students showed improvements in academics and behavior. They were involved in several school and community service projects. Among our accomplishments are the following:

- + Eleven Latin students won awards in the South Carolina Classical League competition; three students will participate in national competition this summer;
- + The number of honor roll students increased more than 50 percent;
- + Graphic communications students won first and second place in district competition and participated in the state competition;
- + Seniors were offered more than \$1 million in scholarships;
- + Discipline referrals were reduced by more than 18 percent;
- + The French department has instituted an annual French Trip scholarship for two students;
- + One student won first place in the regional Spanish declamation competition;
- + Two students won third place in the regional French declamation competition.

Our entire staff worked diligently this year also. We implemented the "Rational Approach to Practical Discipline" Program (RAPS); completed our five-year school renewal plan; and implemented a school-wide reading program ("Stop, Drop and Read"). Several of our teachers attended professional development conferences and served on district committees.

Two teachers completed their master's degree programs. Debra Wallace was selected Teacher of the Year for the school and District Honor Roll Teacher.

We are proud of our new High Performance Business Partnership with Wellman Industries, Incorporated. The partnership planning team has developed short- and long-term strategies to improve student academic performance.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	41.0	48.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	51.9	54.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	20.5	69.5	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,238 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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